# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5449
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HARASSMENT OF FISHERMEN AT MUMBAI PORT
RAMSHETH THAKUR

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that small fishermen are being harassed by the customs official at Mumbai Port;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any complaints in this regard;

(c) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the customs authority has imposed some conditions on the issue of sanctioning the licences to fishermen and their families; and

(e) if so, the details and reasons therefor ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) Customs Department is not issuing anylicences to fishermen and their families. Only seasonal passes are issued for mechanised fishing crafts for the period from 15th August or Narli Poornima Date, whicheveris earlier, to 10th June of next year and for non-mechanised crafts, from 1st October to 30th September. For the intervening period, i.e. from 11th June - August, passes are not issued in respect of mechanised fishing crafts in view of ban imposed by the Government of Maharashtra underthe `Maharashtra Marine Fishing Regulations Act, 1981`.